

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application and entry of this Amendment are solicited. Claims 23 and 29-33 remain active in the application subsequent to entry of this Amendment.

The examiner has kindly indicated six species to be allowable; *see* the listing at the bottom of page 2 of the Official Action.

Claim 23 has been amended to remove two specific species found in the Lacarte et al reference. The first is N-(2-dimethylaminoethyl)-N'-methylpiperazine which is disclosed in column 7, lines 50-51 of Lacarte et al as 1-methyl-4-dimethylaminoethylpiperazine.

The second compound removed is N,N,N',N''-polyoxypropylenediamine, because polyoxypropylenediamine is disclosed in column 5, line 48, of the Lacarte et al reference.

The above amendments to claim 23 clearly resolve the anticipation rejection stated on page 3 of the Official Action. There being no further issues, claims 23 and 29-33 are in condition for allowance.

Applicants question why the current Official Action includes a new ground of rejection that could have or should have been raised in the previous Official Action. Specifically, the amendments made in the last response were cancellation of claims 20-22 and 24-28 which were all dependent on claim 20 coupled with the exclusion of two amine species from claim 23 which were described in the previously cited reference. It is not seen how applicants' amendments made in the Amendment and response of August 10, 2004 necessitated a new ground of rejection.

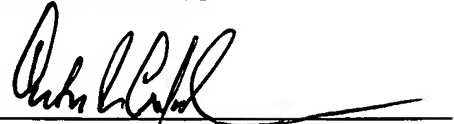
In any event, counsel submits that the claims in this application are now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and favorable action are solicited.

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